



CONSENT CALENDAR
January 16, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Vice Mayor Ben Bartlett (Author), Councilmember Sophie Hahn (Co-Sponsor)

Subject: Black History Month Event Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc. 501(c)3: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of funds, including \$1,500 from the discretionary Council office budget of Vice Mayor Ben Bartlett, to the Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc. 501(c)3 for the Black History Month Event. The funds will be relinquished to the City’s General Fund from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett and the discretionary council office budgets of any other Councilmembers who wish to contribute.

BACKGROUND:

Every year, during the month of February, our Berkeley Community honors the Black community by declaring Black History Month. Throughout this month, the goal is to recognize and encourage members of our society to enhance their own knowledge about the impact and influence of Black people in shaping our society, culture, and communities. Black people have made significant contributions in various fields such as science, art, literature, music, and politics. But most importantly, this month is a platform to reduce racial bias as we collectively uplift and celebrate Black voices and perspectives.

To ensure that the funds are properly disbursed and provided to the student participants in this celebration, the proposal is for Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc. 501(c)3 to hold their annual event. This organization has been a reliable resource for community members interested in supporting the Berkeley cultural, arts, and history community. The donation of \$1,000 will ultimately fund various vendors for music, food, arts, and other important needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

No negative impact.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

No General Fund impact; \$1,000 is available from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett.

The cost is as follows: Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc. 501(c)3

Fund: Black History Month Event

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ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A DONATION TO THE BERKELEY JUNETEENTH ASSOCIATION, INC. TO SUPPORT THEIR ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT.

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ben Bartlett has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc., a California non-profit organization, will receive funds in the amount of \$1,500 from Councilmember Ben Bartlett's office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc. educates community members about the history and accomplishments of African Americans and creates programming that highlights Black music and culture; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of such an event would fulfill the municipal public purpose of providing community members with educational programs and activities to encourage them to learn and embrace cultural diversity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their office budgets, of an amount to be determined by each Councilmember, shall be granted to Berkeley Juneteenth Association Inc. for this purpose of supporting their event during Black History Month.

